

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a work session on Thursday, August 18, 2016 in Cabinet Room of the Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware. The work session began at 9:37 a.m.

Present were: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, Terry M. Whittaker and Donna R. Johnson, who serves as the State Board's Executive Director. Deputy Attorney General Valerie Dunkle was also present.

Deep Dive on Smarter Assessment Data with SBAC Chairman

Chief Academic Officer Michael Watson introduced Tony Alpert, Executive Director of Smarter Balanced and Jon Cohen, Vice President, American Institutes for Research. Mr. Alpert and Mr. Cohen provided the Board with an in depth presentation on Delaware's assessment which measures critical thinking and is designed for all students. The assessment is offered in Braille and also provides a glossary in ten languages. The assessment was created with the assistance of 4,700 educators and led by a consortium of states. The Board received information on the design of the assessment and designated supports and accommodations.

The work session adjourned at 10:53 a.m.